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MR. HADDER: It was a pleasure.

Again, my name is John Hadder, but I want to speak more on a personal note and not really necessarily so much on behalf of Citizen Alert.

This has been a number of hearings that I've been to, and I just want to say that -- and when I moved to Nevada about eleven and a half years ago, and I really didn't know anything about the issue. I didn't know anything about Nevada.

1 I was one of those people Back East who didn't know, didn't know, and I think the Department of Energy's job is to get people to know, to understand what we're dealing with here, to understand and educate properly, and I don't think that's happening.

I've seen the educational materials and I believe that they're very biased, very biased, and misleading and I want that to be addressed. But I didn't know anything.

And I came out here to -- it wasn't until I went down to the Nevada Test Site and I learned about Nevada. I learned what has been happening and I heard the words of Corbin Harney and other people that are the land and know the land.

And so what I'm doing here now telling you is a personal request to people like yourselves, people in Washington to understand what the land is, understand what's going on here, to feel what it is to be in this place, and we know that we have to come up with a solution for this stuff at some point, but I want you to take up personal time as I did, as a lot of people, people who have spent a long time here to understand what it means, what the place means, understand the earth, the water, the air and what it means to people and how we have to be so careful of these precious things that we have, without which we wouldn't be here at all today.

Thank you.